



## A big success

The Romulus High School "Student of the Month" program completed another successful year when senior Katie Hale won a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond in the grand finale drawing. During the year, 295 students were recognized as Students of the Month. This year, \$4,200 in funding for the program was collected from businesses and community agencies. Here, Hale (center) collected her bond from program administrator Dan Foley and his assistant, Anna Bossidis. In the history of the program, more than \$266,000 has been given to students who earn good grades and show exemplary citizenship.

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

## Pensions, insurance absorb funding hike

School officials are sitting on pins and needles now that the effort to give districts a \$175 increase in per-pupil funding has passed the State House, but for Romulus Community Schools, the increases might be gobbled up by health care costs and pension obligations.

Superintendent Joel Carr said the past three years without

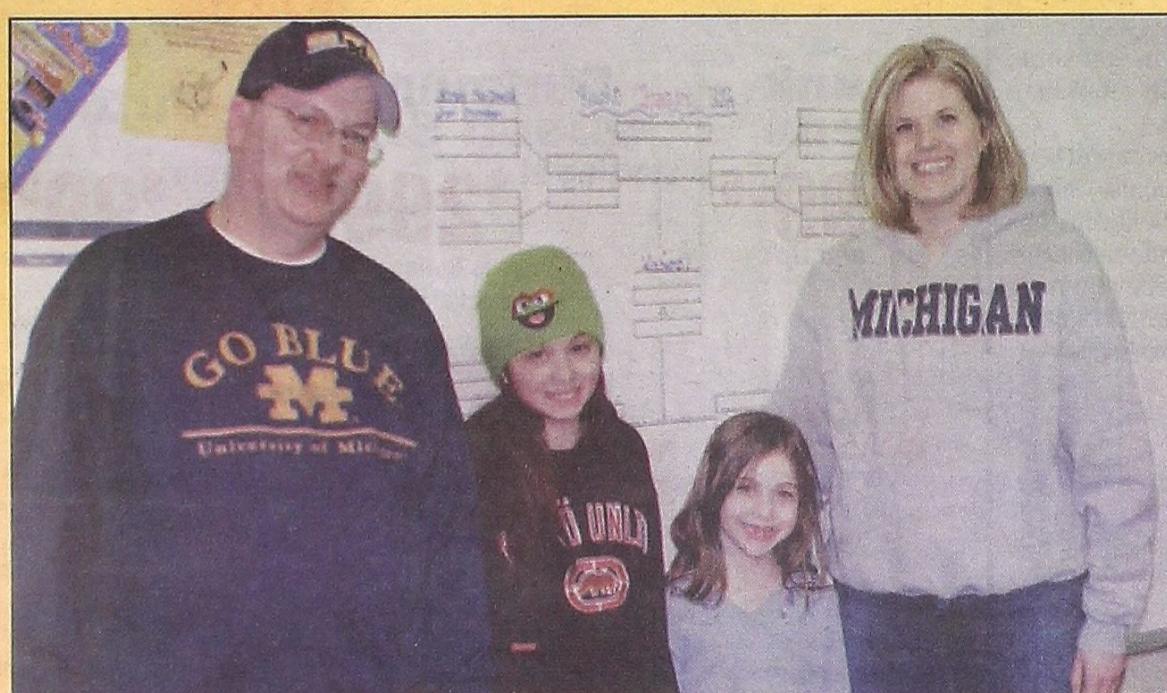
a raise in per-pupil funding from the state have been difficult for the 4,000-student district. He said school officials are grateful a funding increase is in negotiations, but that it won't solve all of the district financial issues.

"It's like getting a 1 percent raise – it's hard to get excited about," he said. "But if it were a 6-percent raise, you might get excited. It's just not going to change things very much."

Health insurance costs – which continue to rise each year – increased for the district for the 2005-06 school year. Pension contributions for district retirees also increased, Carr said. Last year, the district contributed about 12 percent of payroll costs to the pension fund, but it will go up to about 14 percent for 2005-06.

"That means if you have a \$10

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## Family Fun Night

A good time was had by all at the recent Halecreek Elementary School "Family Fun Night." The event was organized by Halecreek staffers to give students and their family members a chance to spend some quality time together. Here, James Brenton and students Kirsty MacDonald and Amber Brenton joined teacher Julie Hirchert before a bracelet-making tournament. Family Fun Nights take place at each of the four elementary schools in the Romulus Community Schools District.

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## Tribes will pursue Romulus casino

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A consortium of Indian tribes announced Monday that they would follow through with a plan to build a casino on Vining Road, near where a harness racing track will be constructed later this year.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians said four of the seven tribes in the gaming compact approved by then-Gov. John Engler in 1993 will meet with Romulus city officials to devise an agreement regarding what percentage of income the city will receive from the casino, said Mayor Alan Lambert.

"They don't pay property taxes on reservation land," he said. "Property taxes on that piece of land would be about \$200,000 a year, but with the way things work with reservations, you negotiate a number. This could mean about \$10 million a year going forward, which would be incredible given that we have a \$20 million operating budget."

The inter-tribal agreement signed in 1994 by the seven tribes specifies that a board made up of tribal leaders would manage the facility, according to information released by John Petosky, the attorney for the Grand Traverse Band.

Lambert could not say when

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## No decision as yet reached about shooting charges

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Prosecutors expect to know whether a 38-year-old Romulus man will face criminal charges for fatally shooting an Inkster man earlier this month.

Assistant Wayne County prosecutor Maria Miller said a review panel is currently under way, and that a determination about the case is forthcoming.

"We think we'll have an answer by the end of this week," she said. "We always have several people review the case before we make a decision in cases like this."

Inkster resident Charles Cheeseborough bled to death in the back yard of a Romulus home on June 10. A single gunshot wound severed the main artery in Cheeseborough's leg.

The altercation began after Cheeseborough allegedly broke into the home.

One detail that has emerged since Romulus Police began an investigation is that Cheeseborough may not have acted alone that Friday night.

"We think there might have been another person, but we don't know who the person is right now," said Romulus Det. Lt. John Leacher. "I don't really have too much more at this time."

The homeowner was alone in his home at 12:30 a.m. June 10 when Cheeseborough made his way into the home, using a window, according to police reports. The men had the fatal confrontation in the master bedroom of the home on the 15500 block of

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The annual Music in the Park concert series will be located at Victory Park in Belleville (above). The music event will continue until the end of August featuring area favorites like the Belleville Community Band and new additions such as the S.E. Michigan French Horn Choir.

## Music in the air Local concerts continue at Victory Park

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Already under way, the Music in the Park concert events will continue to bring music to Belleville all summer long.

The annual concert series began last Sunday afternoon at Victory Park in Belleville, located at the "Five Points" area of the city. Performances start at 3 p.m. every Sunday until August.

This year, the performers will include: the Belleville Community Band, the S.E. Michigan French Horn Choir; the Music Lady, April Gibson and Austin Scott, the Blue Skies Trio and Crosswind: A Christian Praise Troupe.

According to Barbara Fairman, a member of the music committee and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, the concert series is free entertainment that the whole family can enjoy.

"We try to get a variety of music that will be a hit in a large area," she said. "I think we have a full season of great music. It's the kind of event that has that small town feel so I'm happy to see it still going strong."

The Belleville Community Band started the series last week with their first of four performances. They will continue to play throughout the summer with their last performance on Aug. 21. The band is a large group, made up of people ranging from high school students up to senior citizens. This year the group is bigger than ever, according to Fairman.

The group will then continue their performances with Director Tim Miller on July 17, a centennial celebration tribute for Belleville on Aug. 7 and a finale concert and ice cream social Aug. 21.

The S.E. Michigan French Horn Choir will follow the Belleville Community Band on July 3, which will feature horn players blended in melodious tunes, familiar and patriotic. Some members even belong to the area Belleville Community Band, Fairman said.

"This performance is different because usually you don't hear horns as performers, usually they are heard in the background," she said.

The Music Lady, former Belleville resident Beverly Meyer, will follow on July 10. Meyer will be back for an encore as she provides an interactive performance for both children and adults.

"All the locals love the Music Lady because she's such a wonderful performer," said Fairman. "She certainly draws the biggest crowd."

April Gibson and Austin Scott, a welcome home grown addition, will perform on July 24. The Belleville High School graduate and her partner, Scott, will show their singing and guitar talents.

Blue Skies Trio will follow Gibson and Scott on July 31 playing hits from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Crosswinds: A Christian Praise Troupe will perform Aug. 14. The group will feature contemporary music using keyboard, guitar drums and vocals.

"It's going to be a good program and if the weather is nice to us, it will be a good year," said Fairman. "We've brought back a lot of groups and took a lot of ideas from residents on what they were interested in hearing so we hope for a big turnout."

And they usually get one, Fairman said, typically more than 100 people per concert.

In case of rain, concerts will be at the First United Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville. For more information about the concert series, contact the Belleville Area Council For the Arts at 734-697-8123.

## Chamber may host circus

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to host the Kelly Miller Brother Circus again this year in Belleville.

If approved by the city council, the circus will take place for two performances at 2 p.m. and at

4:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

A public hearing will take place at 7:30 p.m. on July 5 during the next regular city council meeting on the issue.

For more information, contact city hall at 734-697-9323.

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# Candidate stresses skills, experience

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

William Crova said he hopes his years as a local business owner catapult him to a fourth term on the Romulus City Council.

Crova, 58, was the owner of Crova GMC for more than 30 years until he sold the business to GM dealer Joe Rogan in 2001. But Crova said he remembers well how much skill it takes to run a business.

"I see the City of Romulus like a business, and that's how I've approached being a councilman," said Crova. "The day-to-day operations of a municipality are very much the same as a business - that's how I look at the city. Business experience is very, very important."

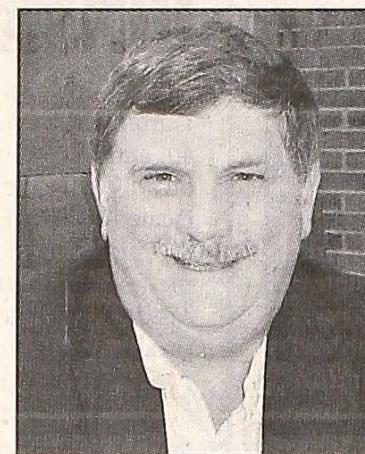
Crova, a lifelong Romulus resident, was elected to the city council for a two-year term in 1995. Since then, he has been re-elected for two four-year terms. Prior to his election to council, he served for six years as the chairman of the planning commission. He said 16 years of involvement in local politics should help him emerge victorious from a field of 16 candi-

dates in an at-large election.

"I have 10 years as a city councilman, and I have the experience needed to represent the people of the community," he said. "I've lived in Romulus my entire life, and I know what people want and need in this community. I want it to better for myself, and other residents."

A fourth term for Crova would mean helping to ensure much-needed development on the north side of Romulus occurs in a timely fashion, helping make the planned recreation facility and senior facility a reality and finding ways to fund new projects.

He said the development is the single most important facet in the city's overall plan, especially since the city has paid for roadwork to accommodate increased traffic. "I'm concerned about the Metro World development," Crova said. "I think we're finally close to something happening there, and we've put some money into things happening there. I'm not interested in paying another cent until someone puts a shovel into the ground. That's where some of our revenue will



William Crova

come from."

Recreation and senior activities are also important to Crova. "I really worked hard to help the new recreation facility," he said. "I thought it was important for residents, as is the new senior center. We had an opportunity to renovate the old facility, or we could build a new one. I thought it was important to take the opportunity to build a new facility."

Crova said he's confident his record as a councilman will help him in his bid for re-election, but said he's glad to see that many people are interested in running for office.

"To see that many people running for a city council seat is great because it means people know what's going on in the community," he said.

The primary election will narrow the field of candidates to 14. It will take place on Sept. 13.

# Improved library is among candidate's goals

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

After having spent nearly his entire adult life in local government, Councilman Mike Prybyla said he's looking forward to a potential fourth term as a Romulus City Councilman.

"Being in county government gave me a very real idea about what municipalities face," he said. "I was just always aware of what was happening, and there were many difficulties."

Prybyla, 56, was first elected to the city council in 1993 - while he was in the midst of a career in management at the Wayne County Department of Health. He sought a council seat because he said he wanted to give back to the city - a concept he said brings him back every four years.

"I owe the city a lot, and I want to keep repaying it," he said.

Prybyla's career in the public sector began after he earned both an associates and bachelor's degree in public health at Ferris State University in the 1960s. While working for the county, Prybyla earned a master's degree in health administration at the

University of Michigan. He spent 24 years working for the county, and is now retired.

If he is re-elected, Prybyla said he would like to see improvements to the Romulus Public Library, because he feels the facility and the services are not on par with libraries in other communities.

"I feel it's a little bit behind what others have, and it would do our community well to take a look at that," he said. "I'm already doing that privately. We need more floor space - which would make room for more books - and we definitely need a new children's area. The computer services are OK, but they need to be improved, as well."

That could mean the current facility could be renovated, or that a new facility should be constructed on another site.

"We need to look at our options to see what works best," he said.

Prybyla's other priorities include finding ways to improve law enforcement and seeing the proposed racetrack through to fruition.

"The crime is not a huge problem, but we are having some crime in the city that needs to be dealt with," he said.



Mike Prybyla

"There are a number of breaking and enterings; stuff like that. We should be more proactive in creating neighborhood watch programs so people are aware of what's happening."

He also said the city needs to not rest on its laurels now that the Michigan Gaming Control Board has granted a gaming license to Magna Entertainment for a planned harness racing track on Vining Road.

Prybyla said he is confident he will win another term because he has always voted his conscience on the issues that come before him as a councilman.

"I love the City of Romulus, and I will do whatever I can to make things better for its citizens," he said.

Prybyla has lived in Romulus since 1966. He will face 15 other candidates during an at-large primary on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

# Casino - City hopes to sign deal

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operate somewhere in the city while a permanent casino is constructed. The first phase of the project would include soliciting proposals for public and private companies to contract for work building the casino. The tribes will hire all contractors, Petosky said.

The city is banking on revenue from the casino and a racetrack - which will be owned and operated by Magna Entertainment - to spur development in other areas of the city. Lambert said another possible goal down the line might be lowering property taxes for residents.

Currently, the city asks residents for 10 mills, and the Romulus Community School District asks for another 37. Lambert said taxes could be defrayed once the casinos generate revenue for the city.

"I would like to see if they could help the schools out," he said. "I think our taxes are a little high here, and we want to pro-

vide relief for residents."

Some council members, however, are cautiously optimistic about the plan, said Councilman William Crova.

"I don't think this was anything we haven't heard before, and this is going to be a long way off," he said. "We had a referendum vote in Romulus - and the citizens said they wanted (a casino), and I want it, too. But there is a matter of all of the tribes getting together on this, and there are likely to be court battles along the way. I'd love to see it happen, though."

Romulus voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative that paved the way for gaming in the city in December 2003. That allowed city officials to pursue gaming entities. A casino would have to apply - and be approved - for a license with the Michigan Gaming Control Board before it could open. The gaming license for Michigan Downs - which would round out the "racino" concept in Romulus - was approved in May.

# Shooting - There could be 2nd man

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Oakbrook Street when Cheeseborough fired shots. The homeowner also fired shots, striking Cheeseborough, who fled to the backyard of the home. He collapsed and died in the yard.

Cheeseborough had been out of prison for 18 months at the time of his death. He had served 16 years behind bars for several offenses, including breaking and entering, robbery, weapons charges, unlawfully driving a vehicle and escaping from

prison.

Michigan law allows persons to use deadly force to defend themselves in a situation where they are facing a life or death situation. This is especially true if the potential victim is in an enclosed dwelling because retreating from violence could be next to impossible.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Sgt. Dennis Felice at the Romulus Police Detective Bureau at (734) 342-6887, or Crimestoppers at 1 (800) SPEAK-UP.

# Funding - Passage called likely

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million in payroll, \$1.4 million would have to be set aside for pensions," Carr said. "In actuality, our payroll is higher. But the numbers are huge."

If the \$175 per-student increase passes both the State House and Senate, Romulus Community Schools would stand to gain about \$700,000. Budget hearings that took place earlier this year produced a tentative budget based on the increase in funding. If a bill is passed that would reduce the level of funding, or the bill fails, administrators and the Romulus School Board will have to go back to the drawing board to find more dollars, Carr said.

But Carr is confident the funding increase will pass. "We have people in the legislature and others who are close to the

*We have people in the legislature and others who are close to the situation that are telling us this will pass.*

**Superintendent**  
**Joel Carr**

situation that are telling us this will pass," he said.

The district employs about 220 teachers and 200 administrators, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and clerical workers in six schools and other facilities. In April, 27 teachers and administrators accepted a voluntary retirement plan. Carr said some of those individuals will be replaced, others will not.

# Clarification

The story "18 candidates to vie for 6 open seats" (Romulus Roman, June 23) inadvertently left out the name of Mayor Pro-tem Randolph Gear, who is seeking another term as a councilman. The city also has seven open seats, not six.



## Soaring display

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Eagles Lodge hosted a craft fair and fireworks show last weekend at the Eagles Lodge. The events included musical entertainment, a dunk tank provided by the Belleville Police Department, games, a barbecue dinner and a fireworks show. Joann Manley, a member of the Eagles, said the ladies auxiliary of the Eagles Lodge, which organizes the event, hopes to make the craft fair and fireworks show an annual event in the township.



## NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR WAYNE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION – PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005

### To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN– WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 5, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

#### In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

#### By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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#### Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

#### Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2005 Special Election is Saturday, July 30, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Publish: June 23, 2005  
June 30, 2005

## Girlstown to host golf outing

The Girlstown Foundation, located at 525 Huron River Dr. in Belleville, will host the 4th annual Golfing for Girls outing at 8 a.m. on July 23 at the Woodlands of Van Buren, located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne.

The outing will benefit the organization that places children in foster homes, offers residential programs and supervised independent living environments.

The event is \$100 and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, a buffet dinner and goodie bags. It will also have

door prizes, a silent auction and a raffle. Prizes include: a golf trip for two at Sea Mist Resort in Myrtle Beach, passes to the Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills, hotel stay at the Townsend of Birmingham, golfing at the Black Forest Valley Golf course in Gaylord, hotel stay at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, a one day pass to Disney World and a trip to the Jackel Club in Brighton.

For more information, contact Elaine Carter at 734-697-7242.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE 06-21-05(1)

First Reading of Ordinance 06-21-05(1), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. regular meeting of the Board of Trustee on Tuesday, 07-05-05 to be held in the Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 86, ARTICLE IX, SECTIONS 86-524.2 (b) AND (c) TO REVISE THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY UTILITIES AUTHORITY SEWER USE REGULATIONS THAT PROHIBIT CONCENTRATIONS OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS IN A REPRESENTATIVE 24-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1: Section 86-524.2 (b) is amended to read as follows:

No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample is at or above the following surcharge threshold, except as otherwise permitted in writing by the director and on payment of a surcharge, and no person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample exceeds the following upper limits, with respect to the following compatible pollutants:

#### COMPATIBLES

##### Surcharge Threshold      Upper Limits

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600 mg/l	1530 mg/l	COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)
13 mg/l	63 mg/l	Total Phosphorus
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Section 2: Section 86-524.2 (c) is amended to read as follows:

No person shall discharge wastewater such that the concentration of pollutants contained in a representative 24-hour composite sample shall exceed the following limits with respect to the following inorganic or organic pollutants or phenolic compounds:

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0.100 mg/l	Cadmium
4.0 mg/l	Chromium (Total)
3.0 mg/l	Copper
1.0 mg/l	Cyanides
0.3 mg/l	Lead
Nondetectable	Mercury
3.0 mg/l	Nickel
0.12 mg/l	Silver
3.0 mg/l	Zinc

#### ORGANICS

1.1 mg/l	Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate
0.55 mg/l	Total Phenols
Nondetectable	Polychlorinated biphenyls (Nondetectable per U.S. EPA method 608. Any detectable sample exceeds this limit.)

Section 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, county of Wayne, state of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2005.

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

Publish: June 30, 2005

# OPINION

## Court increases price of parenting

They say you can't legislate good parenting.

That may be true, but a decision last week by the Michigan Court of Appeals could go a long way in that direction – and it should.

The Court of Appeals upheld a Michigan law that means parents of a juvenile delinquent child could be responsible for the costs of the crimes committed by their children.

The decision stemmed from a case in Livingston County, where a youth – 15 at the time – committed acts of vandalism at Howell High School.

This will most likely be a controversial decision, and it could be a controversial law, as well.

Hopefully, though, the implication that parents may be on the hook, financially, for damage caused by their children will help spur them to get more involved in the lives of their offspring.

Parenting is not an easy job, anyone can tell you that. And yet, it's a strange thing because anyone can do it. You have to be tested to get a driver's license, go through training to take on any number of less important tasks, but to be a parent you merely have to follow human nature.

After that, everyone can tell you, there really isn't any instruction manual, although everyone will offer some type of advice.

It may seem like a drastic thing to send parents a bill for the damages caused by their children, compounding an unfortunate situation. One might make the argument that it won't help anything, and could further hurt some families that are already experiencing financial difficulties.

The underlying premise, though, is that parents are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their children. There are plenty of programs in place to help troubled youths, from school counselors to court programs and the like, but to be successful, they all involve one crucial aspect: parental involvement.

It's difficult to be a parent these days; it probably always has been. Parents have to compete with peer pressure, video games, pop culture icons and the like. That's why it's important to stay involved, stay interested and try to head off bad behavior before it happens.

Like we said, it isn't easy. In many cases, it's downright exhausting. But the alternative may prove too costly, for parents and society, alike.

## Too high a price to pay

Officials in the Plymouth-Canton School District are contemplating a plan to name facilities – or a portion of them – after corporations that make a large donation for their construction.

Please don't.

This is a practice that has a long history – at universities and colleges, and more and more frequently, at sports arenas. That's all well and good – although some might debate even that – but it doesn't have any place at the local level.

Young people today are bombarded with enough advertising. All of us are. It's tough to imagine dropping off the kids at Comerica Elementary or packing them up to send them off to General Motors Middle School, where they would swim in the Bank One Pool or play in the Nike mini-dome. Enough is enough, really.

We can see where the idea comes from: schools have long cried for additional funding, many in western Wayne County have overcrowded

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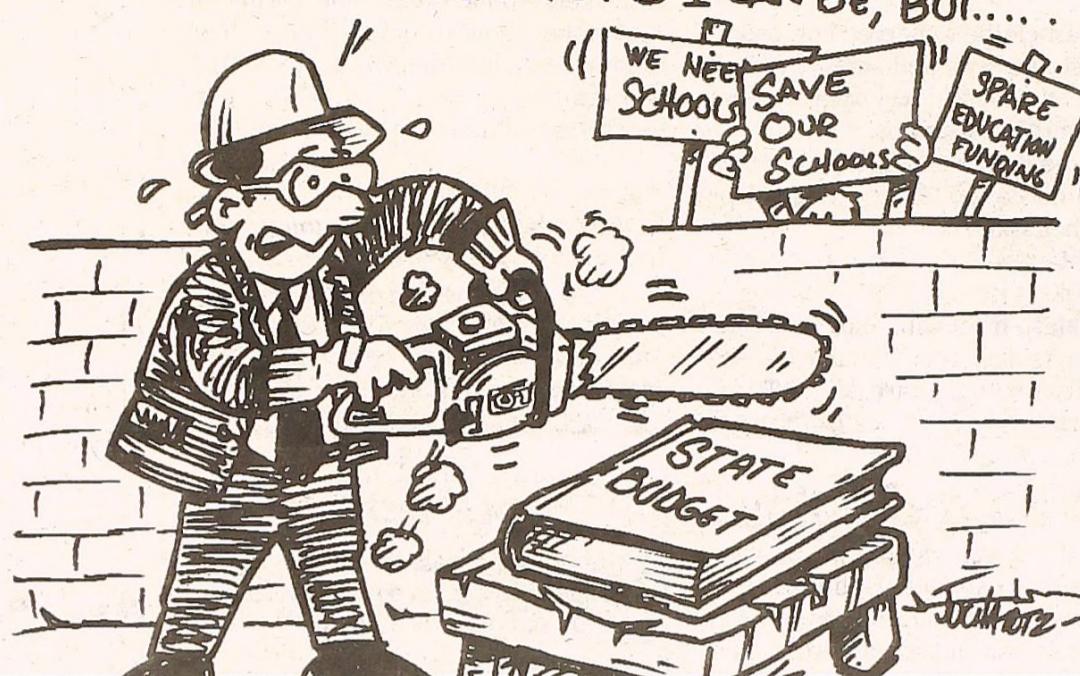
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Norman Rockwell would have appreciated this scene.

The local newspaper office fronted one of the main streets in town – in this case, Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth. The bulk of the wall that looked out on street was made of glass, in the form of huge windows that showcased an antique printing press that weighed roughly as much as a tank.

Passersby could easily look into the cluttered newsroom, where old gray metal desks and bent wire baskets provided a home for assorted news releases, community announcements and more. The dirty, checkerboard tile flaked and the frayed carpet beyond often showed the stains from an aging, unsteady office mascot, an old canine that had out-



Geneva Guenther

lived its housebroken skills.

He might have even described it as a quintessential

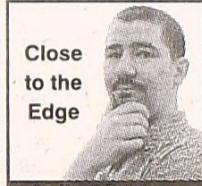
small town newspaper office, if such a thing existed.

He would have appreciated, too, the octogenarian receptionist, Geneva Guenther, who manned the phones in her traditional red dress or skirt and welcomed all visitors.

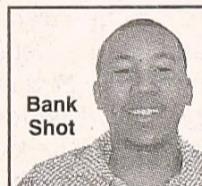
And, like me, he would have mourned her passing.

When I heard the news that she had died this weekend, it explained away a feeling I had had all day. It was morose and stagnant: the air was too heavy, the heat too thick, leaves hung slack from branches that were simply

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Close to the Edge  
by Scott Spielman



Bank Shot  
by Jason Carmel Davis

## Injury is 'learning the hard way'

I've jammed my finger playing basketball at least a hundred times.

So after my right index finger slammed off the ball last week in a failed steal attempt, I shook it like I always do, assuming the sharp pain I felt would soon subside and I could continue playing.

Little did I know that this wasn't the slight injury I was used to.

When I stopped shaking my finger—like that was going to help the pain, anyway—I began to rub it, like I've done at least a hundred times. When I touched it, I immediately thought, "this finger isn't supposed to bend this way."

I may have been in a state of shock, seeing as I have NEVER had to go to the hospital for more than a flu shot, but I didn't feel the slightest bit of pain until the doctor at St. John's Mercy in Canton started to tug at my now pretzel-shaped extremity like it was some game at a family picnic. I told him, in the nicest way possible, that him yanking on my hand wasn't helping, which prompted the physician to numb the body part that now closely resembled a cheese curl.

The shot he gave me enabled him to push and pull on my finger without me feeling a thing. After the bone was back in place—sort of—I started to act like a 12-year-old. This body part was now completely frozen, which led me to bite, smash and hit it against everything I could think of.

After my two-hour stay in the "emergency" room, I thought, "I could have broken my leg, both my ankles, my knee, anything, but I had to break one of the 10 things I actually need to do my job." Kind of ironic, huh?

The doctor gave me a note saying I shouldn't use my right hand for a week—I failed in my attempt to

attain a handicapped sticker for my car—but I knew I couldn't afford to miss work. In some weird way, I didn't want to.

The next day, I sat at my computer at home (trying to) type as best I could. It was just too difficult. I don't even want to talk about my writing. It was already bad enough, now it looked like hieroglyphics.

Technically, I haven't missed a day of work, which goes against the doctor's orders, but they overanalyze everything, anyway.

I was able to finish each story I had for the week, even though I couldn't decipher half the things in my notepad. I went on memory for most of last week's work, so if I got any quotes or information wrong, officials in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township know why.

I learned something from all of this: you have to adapt to any situation you're put in that may make you uncomfortable. Things may get difficult at times, but you work your way through it. It makes you a better person.

My injury isn't the first thing that put me on to this fact of life, but it's the one thing that affected a huge enough part of my life for me to put it into perspective.

I think there's something to that, "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" phrase. In my case, what didn't hurt so bad didn't cause me to miss work.

Oh, and the reason for me "not wanting to miss work?" TV's awful these days, there's a million channels, and maybe two of them have good shows. A guy can only watch so much SportsCenter.

## Letters

### Columnist's opinions blasted

To the editor:

This is in response to Jerry Stanecki's article of May 19 entitled, Casting the first stone.

In the article, he wondered how anyone could 'cast judgment and attempt to force their will on a man in his most desperate hours.' I'm afraid he has it all wrong – those in the most desperate hours were Terri and her loving family trying to keep her from being killed.

Mr. Schiavo couldn't care less. Consider these facts:

Mr. Schiavo lived with another woman with whom he fathered two babies and yet he was designated 'guardian' of Terri's welfare to the moment of death.

He successfully obtained a reputed million-dollar plus malpractice settlement designated for his wife's care. (Personally, I wonder if this was why he didn't divorce and marry the mother of his children.)

Terri was not comatose, was not on a respirator and was not unaware of her circumstances. She smiled faintly. She followed people and objects with her eyes and, according to the registered nurses who cared for her, she succeeded in saying a few words. Nevertheless, Michael and the unjust judge made sure she had no therapy – such as assistance in learning to swallow and eventually no food or water. In the meantime, the media shamelessly made the people think Terri was sustained by artificial means and was probably dying.

None of the doctors who examined

Terri maintained she was in a coma. She was a healthy woman with a severe disability. Terri's case was not about the right to die, but about the right to kill.

It seems to me rather than 'casting the first stone' quote from the Bible, a more appropriate one would be 'by their fruits you shall know them,' and 'What you do (or not) unto others, you do unto me.'

Barb Schmid,  
Canton

(Editor's note: Recent autopsy results indicate that Ms. Schiavo's condition was irreversible and she was not capable of any response to outside stimulus. Doctors determined she had no hope of recovery and no cognitive brain function.)

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of history.

We also fear that allowing corporations to pay a fee and slap their name on a building, gymnasium, set of classrooms, library or what have you would take away from the efforts of many people who support the schools on a grass roots level. Everyone is trying to secure the funds to keep their programs going, after all, and often those efforts take the shape of community fundraising efforts.

If school officials want to recognize those who help fund their facilities, maybe they should suggest names like Taxpayer Middle School, or Marching Band Booster arena.

At a time when school districts have to investigate every possible revenue stream in order to provide the best educational facilities and programs that they can, it's refreshing, in a way that they are willing to look at this possibility. It shows an open mind, if nothing else. We think, though, that this is an opportunity they should let pass.

begin to emulate.

Plymouth was not always a neighborly town, believe it or not, and the political seasons occasionally got pretty nasty. It didn't seem to phase her, though. In fact there were times when I wondered if she were the last truly nice person on the planet.

At 92 years old, it's easy to say she had a good run. She lived her life the way she chose to, remained active long after many of us would have been content to just pull up a chair and rest. She was always very witty and fun to talk to and the only person I knew that had read *Lord of the Rings* more often than me and all of my friends combined.

But life caught up with me. I moved out of Plymouth, got a new job with more responsibilities, got too busy and never found the time to go back and visit, even though I knew that seeing and talking with my son, Henry, would have thrilled her to no end.

She had a good run, that's for sure, and Plymouth will be less in her absence. It's no wonder that I miss her already.

## Logos

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ing issues to deal with, too, and a bond proposal – no matter how well it's packaged – is always a dicey proposition. It's tempting to look for these types of revenue sources, if it means asking for fewer bond funds or smaller millage increases.

The naming of schools, though, is always a tricky proposition. Passions run high, from parents, schoolteachers and alumni alike. Remember the controversy when the Plymouth-Canton district dropped 'Plymouth' from Plymouth-Canton High School and Plymouth-Salem High School? School board members had all the rationale in the world behind them: the fact that it had always been planned, that a new school – which was to be named Plymouth High School – was in the planning stages. Still, parents and former teachers protested. It altered their sense

## Farewell

FROM PAGE 5

too still.

That's what it is, I thought, everything is at half-mast.

It's hard to describe Geneva Guenther, even though I shared an office with her for about three years. Some obvious words come up, though: Plymouth royalty, warm-hearted, generous and kind.

She was more than that, though.

In many ways she was the heart of that newspaper office. Most of the people that stopped in were there to see her, not us. They talked about the past, the present and the future.

Sitting on the other side of the wall, overhearing bits of those talks or scraps of telephone conversations, I often marveled at her. The calls that came in were not always pleasant, the people not always friendly, and yet she greeted them all with a warmth and class that I couldn't even

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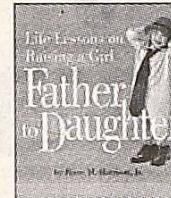
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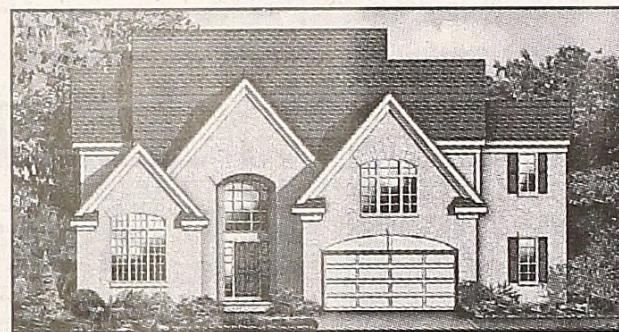
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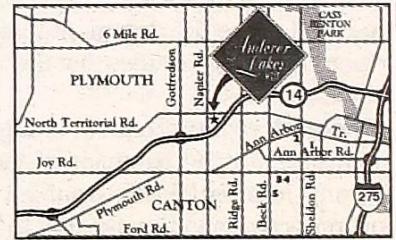
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## OBITUARIES

**DEMARA, Susan**

Susan F. DeMara, 79, of Wayne, formerly of Belleville, died June 11.

Among her survivors are her sons, John R. (Marikay) DeMara of Westland and Mark T. (Lisa) DeMara of Romulus; a sister, Helen Beach of North Adams, Mi; six grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Mrs. DeMara worked for the University of Michigan Environmental Research Institute for 15 years. She was a volunteer at Annapolis Hospital and the Belleville Area Historical Museum.

Mrs. DeMara was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland and a former member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville where she played the organ for many years.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Arthur R. Mack officiating.

Interment of cremains was at Hillside Cemetery.

**WILLIAMS, John**

John Thomas Williams, 60, of Sumpter Township, formerly of Riverview, died June 15.

Among his survivors are his wife, Kimberly Denise (Orbin) Williams; children, Wendy Rupele of West Palm Beach, Fla., Tony Russell Burse and Caleb Michael Hatfield, both of Belleville, Ashley Denise Williams of Garden City; his mother, Sallie A. Duprow of Belleville; an aunt, Nina Hefner of Lincoln Park; several cousins, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Williams was employed as a supervisor at the Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant in Dearborn where he worked for more than 25 years prior to his retirement.

Funeral services were at the David C.

Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Robert D. Terpstra officiating.

Interment was at Martinsville Cemetery in Sumpter Township.

**COFFMAN, Laura**

Laura B. Coffman, 71, of Romulus, died June 19.

Among her survivors are her sons, Clifford (Gloria) Coffman of Romulus, Billie Dee (Carol) Coffman, Jr. of Ypsilanti and Robert Dee (Keile) Coffman of Wayne; sisters, Shirley L. (Clifford) Sickles of Denton, Tex. and Dorothy L. (Lee) Howard of Dearborn Heights; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Coffman worked as a lunchroom superintendent at Quirk Elementary School for more than 13 years.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John

F. Losen officiating.

Inurnment of cremains was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

**MCLENDON, Stella Lee**

Stella Lee McLendon, 79, of Houston, Tex., died June 12.

Among her survivors are her brother, Herman S. (Elizabeth) Davis of Flatwoods, Ky., nieces and nephews, William R. (Shirley) Davis of Northville, Gary Lee Davis of Belleville, Duane Earl (Anette) Davis of Belleville, Carol Lynn (Timothy) O'Connell of Indianapolis, Ind. and Linda Ann (Rodney) McRitchie of Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Clarence Hayes officiating. Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Water and Sewer Director Duha, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-seven (27).

Supervisor King requested a moment of silence be held in honor of Pat Greathouse, a former Township Supervisor, who recently past away.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Item # 7 "Consider approval of a lot split of parcel V125-83-094-0194-009, part of Lot 194 of Supervisor's Van Buren Plat No. 6." Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 6, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2005 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Walk Michigan will be held every Wednesday until August 10th at Quirk Park and at the Lower Huron Metro Park, walk up to three miles every Wednesday to receive a ticket for a drawing to possibly win a trip to Mackinaw Island over the Labor Day Weekend.

An Email from Wayne County stating the funding had been restored to the Community Block Grant Program (CDBG).

The swimming advisory which took place last week on Belleville Lake has been lifted.

On Monday, June 27th Van Buren Township will be hosting the Annual Down River Blood Drive from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall.

Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Trustee Hart, Director Champagne and Deputy Director Smolen congratulated Bronson Campbell for the completing and passing his Probationary Fire Fighter period to become On-Call Fire Fighter and presented him with his badge.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 06-07-05 (2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to revise regulations pertaining to Signs in Article IV, General Provisions – Section 4.23 – Signs. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Herman, Rochowiak, Budd, Jahr, Hart and King. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

\*(A synopsis of Ordinance 06-07-05 (2) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Herman seconded to approve the first reading of General Ordinance 06-21-05(1) amending Article IX, Sections 86-524.2(b) and (c) of Chapter 86 to revise the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Sewer Use Regulations that prohibit concentrations of certain pollutants in a representative 24-hour composite sample. Carried.

\*(A copy of Ordinance 06-21-05 (1) follows the minutes. A copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the reappointment of Matthew Best to the Open Space Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2006. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the budget amendment with funding coming from the Landfill Fund to fill a vacant police office position. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the Metro Act Unilateral Permit Application by SBC Michigan for a term of not more than five (5) years. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the purchase of a new phone system at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 to be transferred from the Landfill Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and further to approve a three-year master agreement with SBC and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreements. Carried.

Herman moved to deny the request to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to rezone parcels of land listed in Exhibit A, generally bounded on the south by Ecorse Road, the north by Van Born Road and the Norfolk Southern railroad right of way, Beck Road to the west and Belleville Road to the east, per the facts and findings of the Planning Commission in its action of April 27, 2005 and the letter from the Township's Planning Consultants, dated April 22, 2005 specifically noting the following: 1) Approval of this amendment, in light of the magnitude of the land area may encourage other zoning amendments contrary to the Master Plan. Changes to such a large land area, 2.4 percent of the total land area of the Township and 5.8 percent of the remaining vacant land in the Township should not be taken lightly. 2) The request is contrary to the Township Master Plan. 3) The amendment would permit residential land uses in areas where airport approach and landing crash date indicate an accident risk and noise levels exceed those recommended for residential comfort. Non-residential land uses would greatly mitigate these real impacts. 4) Existing uses, zoning and development patterns to the north, northeast, west and southwest are industrial and airport related land uses and are not compatible with the requested residential land uses. 5) The requested amendment is not consistent with Wayne County's Aerotropolis (sic Airport City Plan) and will not support Willow Run Airport as an economic generator. 6) No persuasive evidence has been presented that the property cannot be used as planned and zoned. The Township has other vacant land in equal or greater amounts planned and/or zoned for the proposed uses. 7) This is the only large track of land adjacent to the railway tracks with a frontage of 4000 feet. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to table this item for no longer than 90 days, to afford the Board the opportunity to thoroughly review the new documents provided and to have a market study report and to come back to the Board for consideration at a latter date. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve the lot split of parcel V125-83-094-0194-009, part of Lot 194 of Supervisor's Van Buren Plat No. 6 in accordance with the Parcel Division Board memorandum dated June 20, 2005, specifically noting items one through six. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the June 21, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Fireworks display to be held at dusk on June 25th at Beck Ball Fields.

On Monday, July 4th the Administrative Offices at Township Hall will be closed in observance of the Independence Holiday. On July 5th the Work Study Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. with the Board of Trustee Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m.

The Township is in receipt of the new voting machines and they may be viewed in the Clerks Office.

On July 24th, 25th, and 26th a Craft Show will be held at the Van Buren Eagles located on Beck Road.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

Publish: June 30, 2005

# Area educators, parents join march on Lansing

**Andrea King**  
Staff Writer

More than 12,000 supporters of public education arrived at the Michigan Capitol Building last week with one common goal—to increase school funding.

The K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future hosted the Lansing rally for public education in hopes of persuading legislators to increase school funding by approving two bills: Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 4582.

School officials said their voices were heard loud and clear:

"It was fantastic," said Ralph Nodwell, vice-president of the Van Buren school board. "We sent the message that the people

of Michigan are concerned with the financial structure of the state and we encouraged the passing of those bills to guide our annual incomes. It's a matter of making noise and recognizing why we were there—for public education. I felt we got that message out to the legislators."

"It was an awesome sight," said Stephen Becher, a retired teacher and member at the Wayne-Westland school board. "They were expecting 5,000 people and they probably had twice that."

Senate Bill 246, which is being pushed by the statewide education group, would ensure additional funds by requiring a minimum yearly funding increase

based on the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less. Another bill, House Bill 4582, was also introduced to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state.

"I hope the message was clearly sent to the legislators that there is a need to relook at how schools are funded," said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent for the Van Buren Public Schools. "I'm in favor of anything that would increase school funding."

"We will continue to have conversations with our legislators and hope it carries through other districts," said Lazaroff. "They have promised us that it will be a topic of discussion as they work

through the state budget."

If the funding were approved by the legislature, it would be retroactive and would be taken from the 2002-2003 fiscal year when school districts started to feel the impact of a depleted financial system.

"I hope that Lansing will sit up and pay attention," said Toni Hunt, school board member. "The governor was very supportive and is encouraging the House to pass the bills and, if she didn't understand before Tuesday, I think she understands now. I also encourage them to pass the bills, but I don't think it's going to be enough. We're still in big trouble financially. We're still struggling and facing huge cuts. There's got

to be more, but the rally definitely was a good day for education."

Becher said he was impressed with the show of support for the school system. The rally also brought back memories of political activism, he said.

"I haven't marched since the 1960s," he said.

*Editor Scott Spielman contributed to this story.*

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## Courtroom becomes video location

**Jason Carmel Davis**  
Staff Writer

Many things can usually be heard in Judge Ron Lowe's courtroom at the 35th District Court, but 'quiet on the set' isn't one of them.

That changed last week because a helpful DVD on age discrimination was being filmed by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA).

Video equipment lined the back wall of the courtroom as the agency shot the film, titled "The anatomy of a lawsuit."

"We realize that getting sued is a scary process," said co-producer

Mike Frayer, a former Westland police chief. "We thought this would be a great tool for any government employee who may go through the litigation process."

The group chose age discrimination as the topic of discussion because that issue is applicable across a broad spectrum, Frayer said.

The group chose the 35th District Court—which serves Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township—as its set because of an established relationship between the two.

Michael Rhyner, executive

director of MMRMA, said the 35th District Court is a part of MMRMA's risk control advisory committee. MMRMA aided the group following the fire that led to the redesign of the current courthouse, Rhyner said.

Frayer said the DVD is free to members and non-members. He also said it would be distributed throughout the United States, and will go as far as Japan.

"This court has been a good member for a long time," he said. "We were pleased to have the opportunity to shoot this here. It's a great place in a great community."

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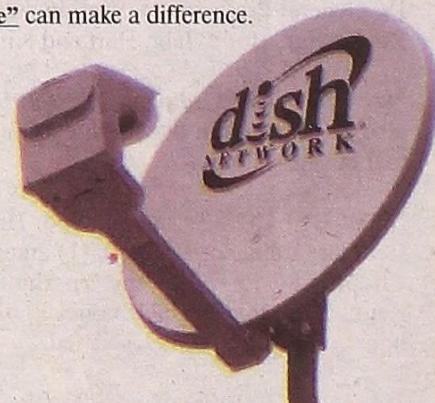
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Jerry Stanecki

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# THE SCENE

# Gory, gory hallelujah

## LAND OF THE DEAD

### works on all levels

There's a rich tradition in zombie films, and I don't know any of it.

I do know, though, that *Land of the Dead*, from George A. Romero, stands on its own. I was surprised – for some reason – to find it a solid film, with good acting, a good plot and (gasp) even good dialogue.

Billed as a return to the genre he created with his classic *Night of the Living Dead*, the movie is probably all Romero fans expected, and more.

It's based 'some time after' his original zombie works and it seems to feed off their history, no pun intended.

Bits of news telecasts open the film, in which shocked newscasters describe the horrors that are taking place and ultimately wonder what would happen if these creatures start to develop a communication system, and work together.

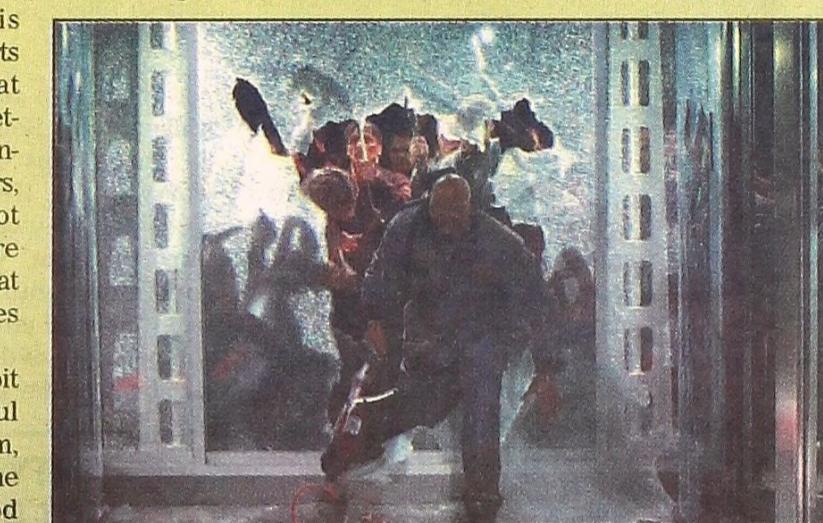
Enter Big Daddy (Eugene Clark), who is smarter (and bigger) than most zombies. He starts to pick up on a few things, like the fact that his...people, for want of a better term...are getting slaughtered because they pay too much attention to the bright fireworks in the sky (sky flowers, a tried and true diversionary tactic) and not enough attention to the fact that while they're looking up, living humans can essentially do what they want, including scattering them to pieces with well-aimed shotgun blasts.

That, I think, is the foundation of the subtle bit of satire going on in the film, and I was thankful that Romero, who wrote and directed the film, left it subtle and didn't cram its message down the throats of the audience, as many Hollywood directors would do. The lower and middle classes are being distracted by pageantry from their own grim reality.

Because in this unknown future, there are class systems, the highest of which is represented by the residents of Fiddler's Green, a skyscraper in the center of the city. Those who live there want for nothing, can shop for anything, although how they get in and out (if they do) and how they earn their living (if they do) is a bit of a question.

Inside the city, but out of the reach (momentarily) of the zombie hordes are city dwellers who apparently get by with things looted from outside stores.

That's where our heroes come in; it's their job to go out and get these items. They're led by Riley (Simon Baker), whose second-in-command,

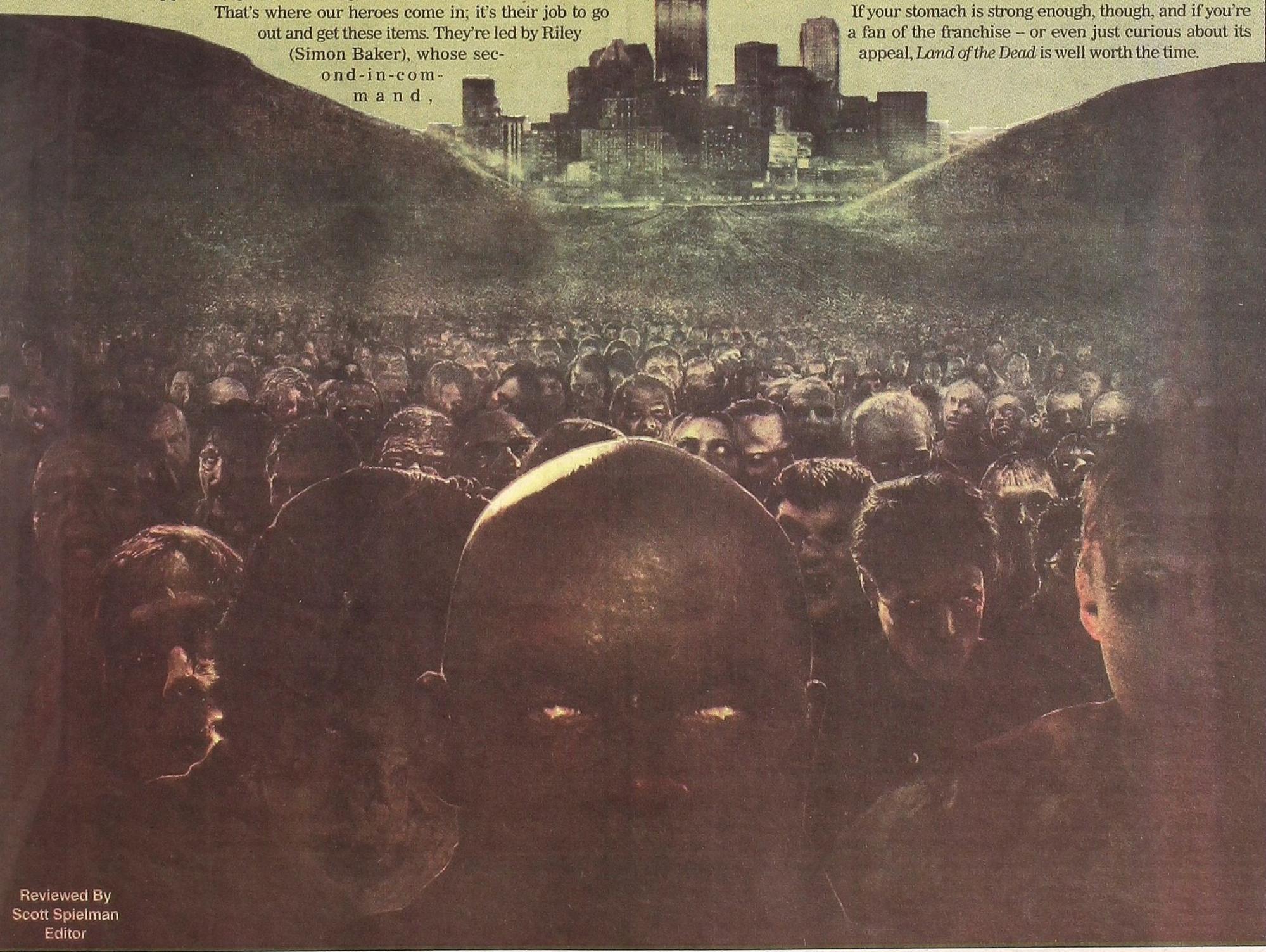


"Nice shooting," he says.

"It's 'good' shooting," Riley corrects him. "There's no such thing as 'nice' shooting." Riley is ordered to retrieve Dead Reckoning, while Big Daddy and his minions shamble toward the city, picking up weapons and figuring out how to use them along the way.

So, what happens when the zombies start working together and are no longer distracted by the sky flowers? Well, trust me, it's pretty gross.

If your stomach is strong enough, though, and if you're a fan of the franchise – or even just curious about its appeal, *Land of the Dead* is well worth the time.



## THE SCENE

# Back to the 80s

## Former area resident re-releases album

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Some might say the 80s never go away, that they're always lurking in the background like a George Michael song or a Miami Vice leisure suit.

However, the 80s revival is in full swing again with recent hit shows such as NBC's *Hit Me Baby One More Time*, where one-hit wonders take to the stage to resurrect their hits from 20 years ago. Leather-clad, bandana-wearing rock bands are also coming out of the woodwork to again grace audiences with their presence. Motley Crue, Poison, Sammy Hagar and even Duran Duran are releasing new material or making their way back to big venues.

It's no different for this area's favorite southern rocker Terry Lee "Shotgun" Bolton, who has decided to return to his roots. That doesn't mean he's moving back to Michigan; no, this Nashville, Tennessee resident is making a "push" to get back to his big hair, loud guitars and wailing

vibrato days.

Back in 1984, while Crockett and Tubbs were running around sockless in their loafers, a teenage Bolton, then a Canton Township resident, lounged in a booth at McDonalds with a member of his band Nija contemplating a change of band names. While looking at the trashcan in the corner of the restaurant he decided on Push.

The Push band quickly grew in popularity, knocked out a four-song LP, "Push 'Til It Hurts," on his and his father's Jansco label. Push also hit the road on a 300-date year tour in the U.S. and Canada, where they opened for such rock icons as Joe Perry, Aldo Nova, Autograph and Ratt. Bolton played for no less than 800 people and up to 10,000 per show, he said.

A year later, when the tour ended, so did the band. Like a lot of good bands, drugs and alcohol halted the momentum of Push, ending their run as one of the up-and-coming bands of the decade. Years later Bolton cleaned up his act and moved to Nashville,

where he is pursuing a solo career.

Recently Bolton said that he has been getting calls and emails from people around the world including Australia, Germany and Japan requesting a Push album. So he dug out the old recordings, re-mastered all the songs – which he owns – and is now filling orders across the country and around the world.

But he's not doing this for another opportunity to dust off his curling iron and blow dryer or to don his skin-tight leather pants. While most people would die for a second chance, Bolton is living his.

"This was something that I had written off as a failure," Bolton said. "Now it's a way for me to redeem a loss from 20 years ago and the opportunity is there."

"It wouldn't be important to me if it wasn't for the fans that wanted it."

"Right now I think that the '80s are so popular; I think it is more popular



Let the good times rock. Terry Lee Bolton (second from left), with the rest of the members from The Push Band, poses for a publicity photo back in 1984.

now than when they were actually happening," Bolton said.

Bolton fans don't have to worry, either. He still plans to release his newest solo effort "American Man," within the next couple of months. He just put together a 60-minute, 10-track compendium of drum solos in a six-hour, one-day effort, too. That

should be available soon.

"Everybody wants to forget the past," he said, "but if we can't celebrate it and glorify it now, then it's all a waste."

For more information on Terry Lee Bolton and his music visit [www.terryleebolton.com](http://www.terryleebolton.com) or for more information on The Push Band visit [www.thepushband.net](http://www.thepushband.net).

## CITY OF ROMULUS

### NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION - PARKS MILLAGE ELECTION

TO BE HELD AUGUST 2, 2005

To the qualified Electors of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration and the Special Election, for the purpose of voting on the following proposal:

#### Proposition P

"To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elimbeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006."

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or in the ROMULUS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of:

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Tuesday, July 5, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Every person who has the following qualifications, or who will have those qualifications at the next election shall be entitled to register:

1. A citizen of the United States, not less than 18 years of age.
2. A resident of the state for not less than 30 days.
3. A resident of the City of Romulus.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors who shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election, if remaining such resident, shall be entered in the registration book.

This notice is given as provided for in Section 168.497 of the Michigan Election Laws as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

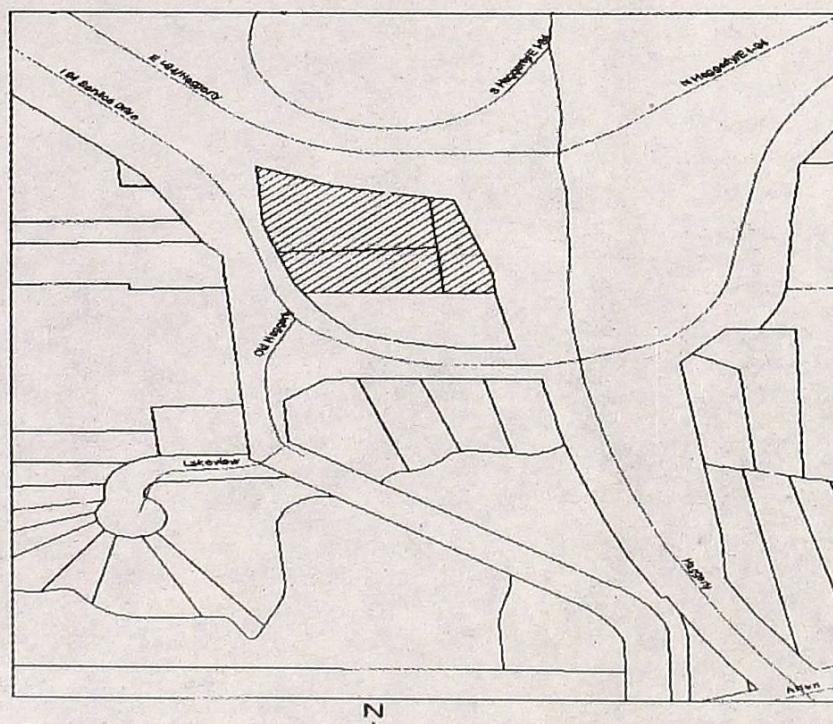
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday July 27 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-094-01-0212-004 and V125-83-094-01-0212-009 and V125-83-094-01-0212-007 proposed to be rezoned from R-1C (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (General Business). This property is located east of Old Haggerty Road between S-I94 Service Dr. and Haggerty Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

# SPORTS

## Undue influence Part 1: Mann forced out at Inkster

**Jeff Novak**  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday supporters of Dave Mann marched into the Inkster school board meeting and demanded answers.

They wanted to know why their beloved athletic director and girls' varsity basketball coach wasn't going to be at the school next year.

At times the meeting erupted into garbled banter between the supporters and school board members and in the end nothing was resolved.

"There's nothing we can do for Dave Mann at this time," said board member Ruth Williams.

So goes the story of Mann, who resigned at the end of the school year in the wake of being suspended from coaching at any Michigan school for the 2005-2006 school year for allegedly contacting a parent of a Romulus girls' basketball player—a violation of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) Undue Influence rule. The school was also sentenced to a one-year probationary period.

Since then, Mann has exhausted all personal efforts to prove his innocence including handing over

hundreds of documents that proves his case, documents that deal with the Romulus incident and prior alleged incidents, as well.

His resignation came after Howard Morris, the state-appointed finance director for the school district, chose not to appeal the final decision on the behalf of Mann.

"We used a lot of money and resources in support of Dave Mann," Morris said. "There came a point where we didn't feel we could continue the process."

With new evidence in hand and one step away from pleading his case, Inkster failed to step up to the plate for Mann. And the MHSAA refused to let Mann appeal the case on his own.

Needless to say Mann was disappointed.

"Mr. Morris had told me previously that we would exhaust all appeals," Mann said. "I had told Mr. Morris that the MHSAA wanted him to fire me. Given that Mr. Morris believed that I was innocent, he had told me previously that firing me 'wouldn't be right.'

"The MHSAA has made it plain that its intention is to get me and to not let the evidence or its own

due process procedure get in the way."

### He's the Mann

Remember Dave Mann? He was the coach that, while at Inkster, won a Class C State Championship in 2002, made a final four appearance in 2003, won regional and district championships in '02 and '03, won four division championships 2000-03 and a Mega League championship in 2000.

He was also voted the Associated Press Class B State Coach of the Year in 2000 and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Class C Coach of the Year 2002 and picked to coach the BCAM All-Star game.

Through basketball, he has helped seven of his former players obtain scholarships to play ball at universities around the country and, when all was said and done, he posted a 103-16 record at Inkster.

That's not all.

At Bishop Borgess, Mann's last stop before coming to Inkster, he collected three Class C state championships ('93, '94, and '97). He set a state record for six consecutive appearances in the final four along with six regional



Dave Mann, former Inkster High School athletic director and girls' varsity basketball head coach, was forced to resign amid undue influence allegations by the MHSAA.

span ('89-'99).

There's more.

He's also groomed two Miss Basketball recipients: Maxann Reese ('95) and Aiysha Smith ('97). Both, along with Candice Finely and Karen Merchant, play for either the WNBA or developmental leagues overseas.

### Resignation super-Mann

Why would such a decorated coach resign in the prime of his career at the age of 44? That appears to be the burning question for everyone.

At the board meeting several players, former players, parents of

See Mann, page 13

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 06-07-05(2) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE REGULATIONS OF VAN BUREN TO REVISE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SIGNS

Second Reading for adoption:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 06-02-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren,

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Article IV.	General Provisions, Section 4.23	Amend
Section 2.	Conflicts		
Section 3.	Severability		
Section 4.	Effective Date		

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 21st day of June, 2005.

YEAS : Payne, Herman, Rochowiak, Budd, Jahr, Hart and King.  
NAYS : None.  
ABSENT: None.  
ABSTAINED: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after passage.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Supervisor

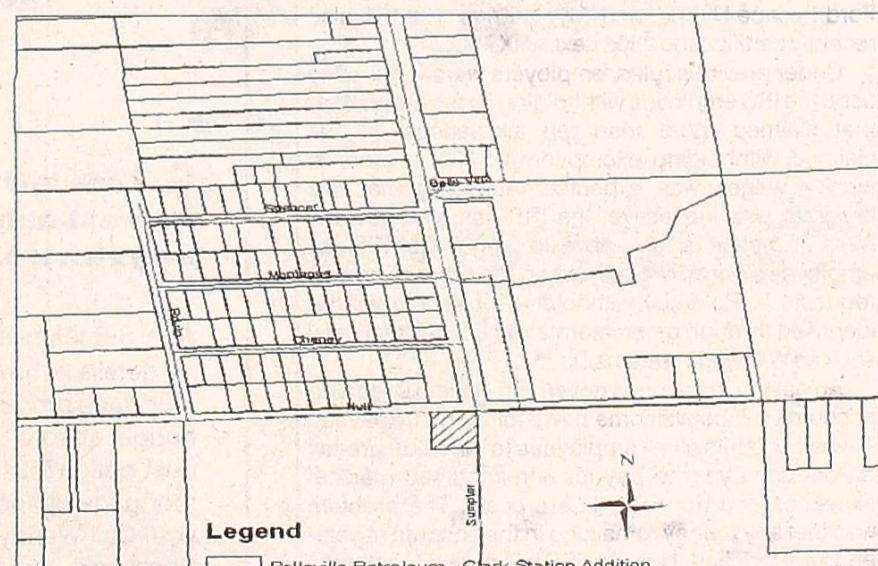
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July 21, 2005

**SPORTS****Romulus baseball, softball recap**

**Jeff Novak**  
Staff Writer

Romulus is normally known as a basketball town, but their endeavors on the diamond shouldn't be overlooked.

The 2005 season was a huge success for both the Eagles' baseball and softball teams.

The varsity boys' baseball team captured their third straight Mega Gold Conference Championship with a winning record of 13-8. Their postseason was cut short, however, when they lost, 10-0, to a No. 1-ranked Class A Ann Arbor Pioneer team.

The 2005 Eagles showed that they were on top of the Gold Conference when they finished with an 11-1 league record. Their only loss was to a very much improved River Rouge team back in early May. The Romulus slingers redeemed themselves on the last day of the season when they faced the Panthers for a second time. This time, with home field advantage, they won in dramatic fashion, coming from behind and winning, 9-8. The win secured their third conference championship in as many years.

Romulus struggled against non-conference opponents, though. They won only two of their nine contests.

Seniors Philip Roscoe, Keith Haynes, Will Williams and juniors LJ Hardy and Brian Demoisey were all selected to the All-Conference team. Senior Ronnie Brown was also named an All-Conference Honorable mention.

The Eagles lost a strong core of seniors to the graduation. Williams was magnificent at the plate, boasting a powerful .642 batting average while Haynes recorded a .590 average. Roscoe, the team's starting catcher, was also a top hitter, posting a .516 batting aver-

age on the year.

They will still have some power returning with Demoisey's .551 average and Hardy's .392.

The boys' base-running counterparts, the Lady Eagle varsity softball team, were equally successful in the 2005 season.

Led by senior captains Katie Hale and Kenise Thompson, Romulus outscored their opponents, 209-61, to go undefeated (12-0) in league play and 17-7 overall.

The Lady Eagles were impressive from the plate. Junior Kate Appel led the team from the plate with 40 hits in 74 at-bats, 31 stolen bases and a team-leading .541 batting average for all 24 games, according to Romulus Coach Jennifer Slyman. Hale produced 41 runs while batting .468 and led the team with 35 stolen bases.

Junior Amanda Hollis led the team with 37 RBI. She batted .459 for the season while junior Lindsay Beregsasy led the team in doubles (7) and batted .489. Senior Lashonda Whitehead was also a powerhouse from the plate with a .511 average and 24 hits on the season.

Defense was strong with Hale behind the plate, Thompson in center field and Whitehead in left field. The infield was also solid with Nicole Goodman at first, Appel at second, Hollis at shortstop and Beregsasy at third.

Junior Chelsea Smith and sophomore Jessica Dick shared pitching duties for the season. Smith finished the season pitching a total of 55 innings with 62 Ks and only 27 earned runs. Dick recorded 65 innings from the circle and only allowed 24 walks on the season.

Junior Jessica Workman and sophomores Courtney Turner, Jennifer Dick and Carissa Franklin rounded out the Eagles'



Members of Romulus' MEGS Gold Conference Championship baseball team include: (first row, from left) Brian Demoisey, Keith Haynes, William Williams, Ronnie Brown, Philip Roscoe, Lester Hardy, Eric Rister, Justin Howington, Larry Horne; (second row, from left) Ummer Ahmad, Chad Williams, Ron Kreutzer, Jeremel DuCharme and Robert Staffieri.



The Lady Eagle softball squad won the MEGS Gold Conference with a 12-0 record. Members include: (first row from left) Katie Hale, Kenise Thompson, (second row, from left) Jasmine Theriot, Lashonda Whitehead, Carissa Franklin, Chelsea Smith, Courtney Turner, (third row, from left) Coach Jennifer Slyman, Jennifer Dick, Kate Appel, Lindsay Beregsasy, Amanda Hollis, Jessica Workman, Nicole Goodman and Jessica Dick.

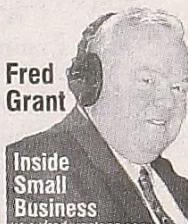
roster. The girls were used in pitch-hitting duties according to Slyman.

After a stellar season Hale, Thompson, Whitehead and Appel were selected to the All-Conference team. Hollis, Beregsasy,

Goodman, Smith and Jessica Dick received honorable mentions.

Talent will be plentiful next year as 10 players are expected to return for another go.

# TAKING CARE of BUSINESS



## July 2005 Tax Update

Among the recent tax developments that could affect you are the following items:

Last year's tax law restored the full \$2,000 deduction for the purchase of a new clean-fuel automobile. This deduction can be taken even if you don't itemize

deductions on your return. 2005 hybrid cars that the IRS has certified for the deduction include the Honda Accord Hybrid, Honda Insight, Honda Civic Hybrid, Ford Escape Hybrid, and Toyota Prius. The IRS also recently certified the 2006 Lexus RX 400h.

Under previous rules, employers were required to send the IRS employee withholding forms (Form W-4) that claimed more than ten allowances or that claimed withholding exemption if \$200 or more in weekly wages was expected. Admitting that this program was ineffective, the IRS has changed the rules. Employers are now to send the IRS an employee's Form W-4 only when the IRS specifically requests it. Potential withholding problems will be identified through other information the IRS receives, such as W-2 wage statements.

An easing in the rules governing flexible spending accounts will be welcome news for many taxpayers. These accounts allow employees to set aside pre-tax dollars each year to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses and dependent care costs. The problem was that any money remaining in the account at year-end was forfeited. Now the IRS will permit employers to modify their plans to extend the reimbursement period for a given year to March 15 of the following year. According to the Treasury, this extension will keep employees from the year-end scramble to use or lose remaining funds.

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**SPORTS****Mann**

FROM PAGE 11

players and concerned citizens of Inkster showed up to protest Mann's leaving, feeling that it was unjustified and forced.

Their efforts were roadblocked by a powerless board of education, but that didn't stop them from speaking their peace.

"He's more than a coach," said Tiffany Smith, a former Inkster player who is now playing basketball at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Pa. "Dave's a part of the Inkster family. That's why I don't understand why the board won't support him or back him or appeal the whole situation. He supported all of their kids; even members of the board's kids played for Dave."

"Dave and I were close and he was more than a coach—he was a teacher," said Tiffany's father. "He took time out and tutored my daughter in math once a week."

"He's a good guy, he really is," he added. "He has heart and he works so hard and he does this for the kids, not himself. He brought the whole school together and not just basketball—the whole school. It's like when God put somebody on Earth to do something, he was chosen to do this (coach)."

However, Mann wrote a two-page resignation letter dated April 13 of his own accord, according to Morris.

But in a phone conversation on Thursday, June 16, Morris said if Mann hadn't resigned there might have been other consequences. He didn't suggest what they might have been.

"I was disappointed that Mr. Morris changed his mind about what was the right thing to do," Mann said about Morris not filing for an appeal. "I told him that his

actions were contrary to the values of loyalty and teamwork that we're trying to teach the kids."

Morris said he is already looking for a replacement coach/athletic director to fill the vacancy before the board of education regains full power from the state on August 9.

The administration of Edison/Inkster schools feel that they did the right thing as Herb Williams, the executive vice president of Edison Schools, said at the school board meeting: "This isn't about Dave Mann, it's about the kids."

While Mann's career—his livelihood—hangs in the balance, piles of evidence that could prove his innocence collect dust somewhere in the MHSAA catacombs.

However, he still plans to fight tooth and nail to clear his name of the MHSAA's allegations; allegations he feels are unjust and unwarranted.

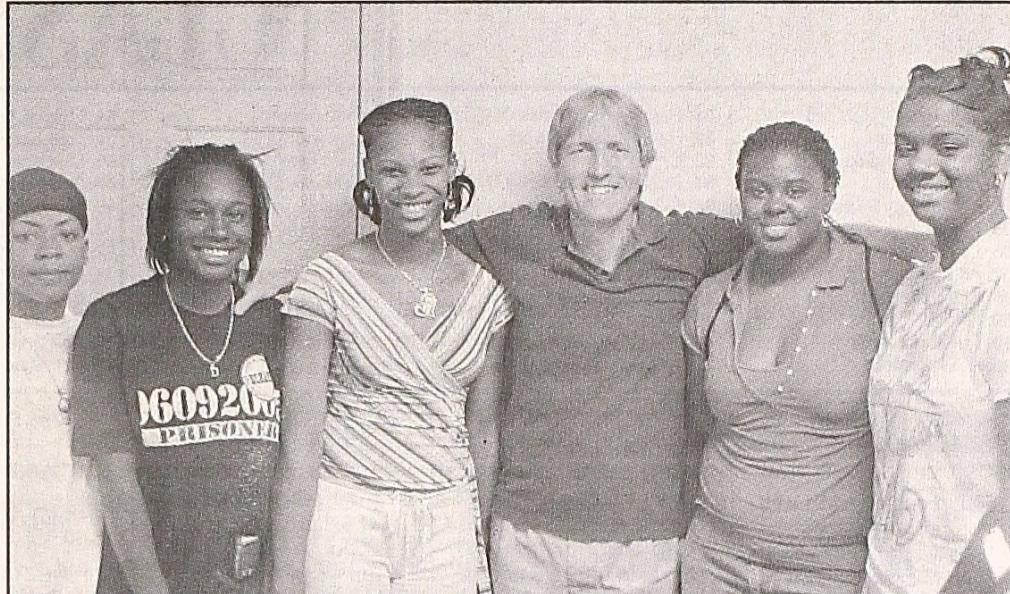
"We preach to our kids that success in life is predicated on hard work and that our success and failures are directly tied to the effort we invest," Mann said. "We preach to our kids that obstacles will be put in our path, that life will treat you unfairly, but that we have an obligation to press ahead."

"How can I preach to the kids what I am not willing to do myself? If I allow myself and my programs to be torn down, I am doing a disservice to my kids because I am not setting the right example."

"Our girls' basketball program is a family," he added. "It's my family. If I don't fight this, I would be letting down my family."

Next week, "Undue Influence Part 2" will investigate the allegations that led to Dave Mann's "resignation" and explore the evidence that pertains to past and present accusations.

Staff writer Molly Tippen provided information from the school board meeting.



Mann (center) with former Inkster basketball players (from left) Evelyn Heath, Darlene Glass, Jessica Jones, Tiffany Smith and Tiffany Haggen. Four of the girls have gone on to play ball in college.

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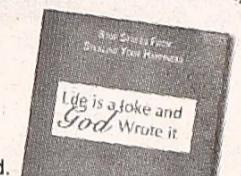
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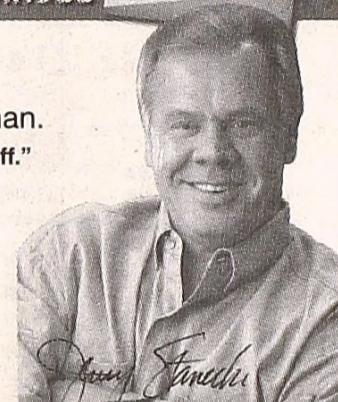
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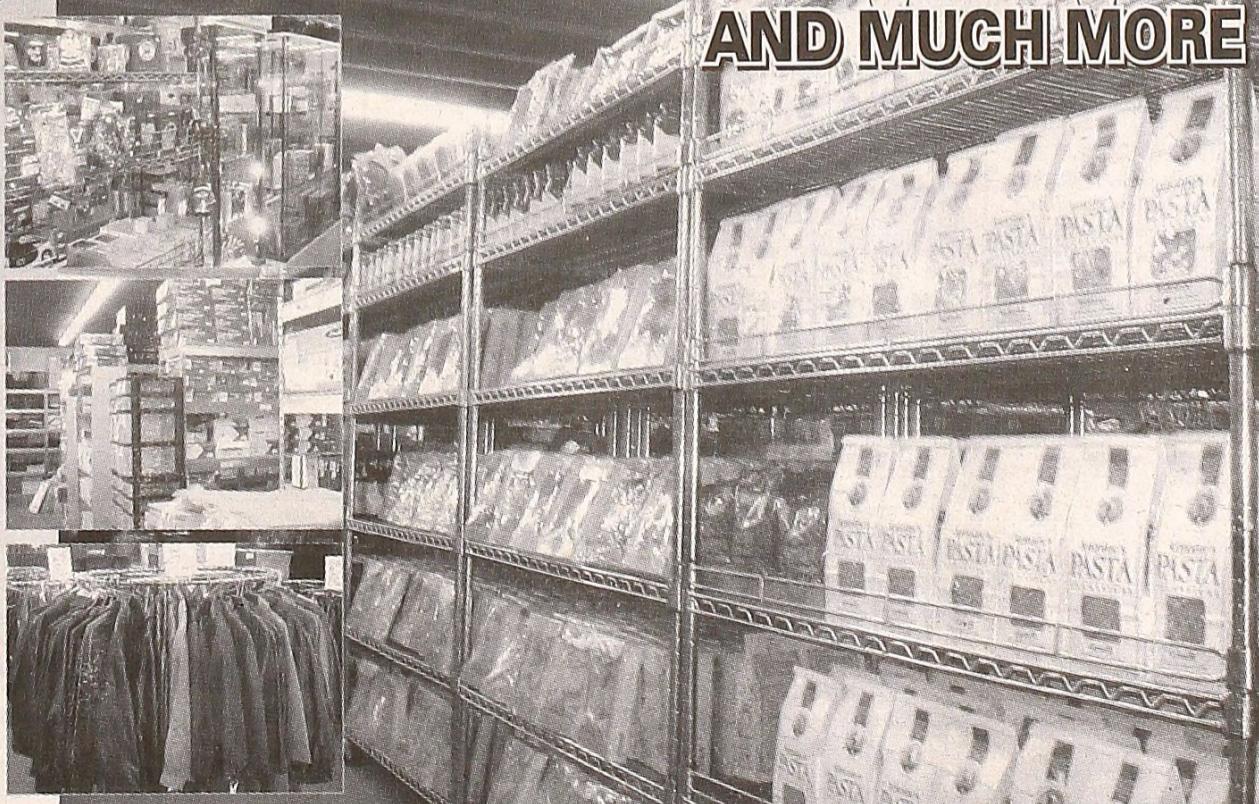
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1989 Chevy Caprice  
4 Dr Maroon  
1G1BL51E3KR105162

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1LNBP98M0GY755138

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2 Dr Red  
4P3CS34T2LE021886

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2G1AN69H1E9107792

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1ZVCT20AXP5109309

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1G6EL1338LU610477

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2 Dr Red  
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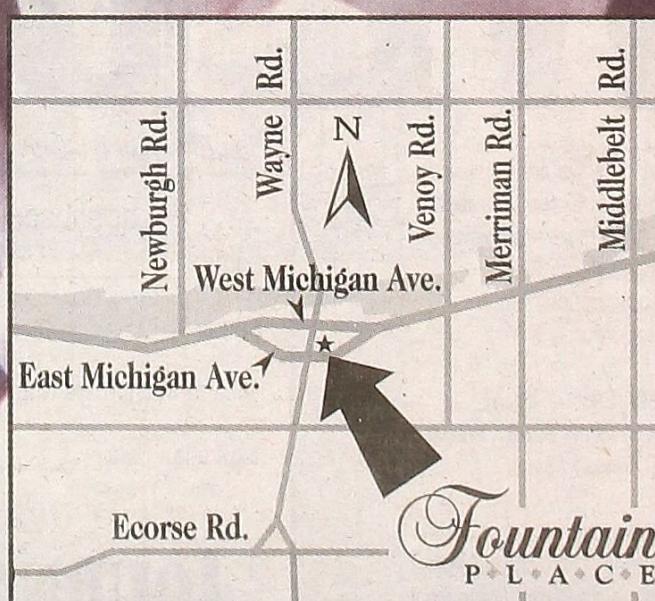
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